

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended):

Ski comprising at least a top layer having a top surface, a running layer having a running surface lying opposite the top surface, and optionally edging elements extending in the longitudinal direction of the ski, the top surface of the top layer having at least one recess, the at least one recess being provided with a device increasing slipping and friction resistance at the top surface, the device comprising

an insert piece disposed between a binding mounting region and a tip top of the ski, the insert piece having a gripping surface to be held by a user for a more comfortable picking up and carrying of the ski, the gripping surface having a coefficient of static friction that is higher than a coefficient of static friction at the top surface of the top layer or having a surface roughness, which is more pronounced than the surface roughness of the top layer.

Claim 2. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device has at least one active element displaceable into an active position engaging with a surface directed towards the top surface.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one active element of the device is a projection disposed at least partially in one of the recesses.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device has an operating mechanism by means of which the device is transferable from a passive position, into an active position in order to increase slipping resistance and/or out of the active position into the passive position.

Claim 5. (Cancelled).

Claim 6. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one recess extends along an external surface through a thickness of the top layer.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one housing compartment for the insert piece is disposed between the top layer and the running layer of the ski.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the housing compartment is bounded by at least one internal face of the running layer or the top layer and a boundary surface, for example of a core element or a top belt.

Claim 9. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the housing compartment merges into at least one of the recesses, which extends through the thickness of the top layer.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert piece is disposed at least partially in the housing compartment, which forms at least one active surface on an active element for increasing friction and slip resistance.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert piece has a plate-shaped basic body, which extends flat underneath the top layer.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert piece in the at least one housing compartment extends across at least one of the recesses opening into the housing compartment.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert piece is of an integral design and spans several recesses.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 3, wherein the at least one projection is formed by the insert piece and the distribution of projections corresponds to the distribution of recesses.

Claim 15. (Cancelled).

Claim 16. (Cancelled).

Claim 17. (Cancelled).

Claim 18. (Cancelled).

Claim 19. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 3, wherein the recesses incorporating the projections extend across a longitudinal section in a lattice pattern.

Claim 20. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer forms a grid-type arrangement.

Claim 21. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, comprising webs extending between the recesses, the external faces of which bound the recesses.

Claim 22. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer is at least slightly displaceable in the direction towards the interior, at least in the longitudinal section and in an operating zone.

Claim 23. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the material of the insert piece has a modulus of elasticity which is lower than a modulus of elasticity of the material of the top layer and the material of a core-side boundary surface of the housing compartment.

Claim 24. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert piece is made from an elastically deformable material.

Claim 25. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert piece can be forced at least partially out of the housing compartments in the direction towards the top surface of the top layer.

Claim 26. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 3, wherein the active surfaces of the projections can be temporarily displaced by forcing material out of the recesses or the housing compartment and forming raised areas on the top surface in the active position.

Claim 27. (Cancelled).

Claim 28. (Cancelled).

Claim 29. (Cancelled).

Claim 30. (Cancelled).

Claim 31. (Cancelled).

Claim 32. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 4, wherein the operating mechanism is a displaceable or flexible top layer disposed in the region of an operating zone.

Claim 33. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer is cambered in the direction remote from the interior and is preferably elastically flexible in the direction towards the interior.

Claim 34. (Cancelled).

Claim 35. (Cancelled).

Claim 36. (Cancelled).

Claim 37. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert piece is a surface inset, which can be placed in contact with the surface by means of the gripping surface.

Claim 38. (Withdrawn).

Ski as claimed in claim 37, wherein the gripping surface of the surface inset partially replaces the top surface of the top

layer and the surface inset is recessed in the top surface of the top layer.

Claim 39. (Previously Presented).

Ski as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recess is a groove in the top layer, and the insert piece is affixed to the groove surfaces at a surface region by means of an adhesive bond.

Claim 40. (Cancelled).

Claim 41. (Cancelled).